

REMARKS

This amendment to the specification is consistent with Applicants proposed amendment in the transmittal of this continuation application. No new matter is being added as this amendment merely reflects the parentage of this application.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that this overcomes the Examiner's objection in the Notice of Non-Compliant amendment.

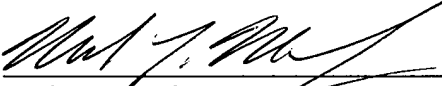
It is further noted that the Examiner has not objected to Preliminary Amendment A (directed to the claims). Accordingly, it is requested that Preliminary Amendment A be entered and examined at this time.

If any fee is due for this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

Respectfully submitted,

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